Setting up of Coir Industry unit in the Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh

1406. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1458 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up one coir industry unit with Central Government assistance in East or West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The Coir Board has proposed establishment of a Model Demonstration-cum-Production Centre in West Godavari Distric with the assistance and participation of the Government of Andhra Pradesh. The proposal aims at development of skill in the brown coir sector.

बिहार के एक भूतपूर्व विधायक को टेलीफोन की स्वीकृति

1407. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बिहार विधान सभा के एक भूतपूर्व सदस्य श्री जगदीश चौधरी ने प्राथमिकता के आधार पर टेलीफोन के लिए आवेदन किया था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) [illegible]

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरिधर गोमांगो) : (क) से (ग) : जी, हां । श्री जगदीश चौधरी, बिहार विधान सभा के भूतपूर्व सदस्य ने अगस्त, 1988 में टेलीफोन कनेक्शन के लिए आवेदन किया था और यह 5-1-1989 को उन्हें दे दिया गया है ।

Setting up of Cochin Thermal Power Station

1408. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala have informed Central Government that they failed to get assurance from the Cochin Refineries to give natural gas for the proposed Cochin Thermal Power Station;

(b) whether the concerned authority will request the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas to allot gas for Cochine Thermal Power Plant; and

(c) what further action is proposed to be taken to construct this thermal plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (c) Since natural gas is not available at present, in Kerala, it is not considered feasible to supply the same for the proposed power plant. The proposal could be processed further after the various inputs, including the fuel linkage, are tied up and the requisite clearances have been obtained by the State authorities.

Interview for the post of graduate trainees by ONGC, Dehradun

1409. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of candidates called for interview for the post of graduate trainees (interview held from 27th February, 1989 to 13th March, 1989) by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission, Dehradun were sent back without being allowed to appear for the interview;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these candidates were not paid the travelling allowance as stipulated in the employment notice;

(c) if so, why these candidates were allowed to appear for the written test when they were found to ineligible and also were called for interview even though they specially mentioned in their applications that their results would be declared in July, 1989; and

(d) whether Government will interview these candidates even now and pay them the travelling allowance and select them according to merit subject to their eligibility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (d) At the time of inviting the applications the Oil and Natural Gas Commission made it clear that though candidates who were in the final semester|term of the qualifying examination on the closing date for applications might also apply, their candidature would depend upon their obtaining the division|percentage of marks prescribed for different posts.

The candidates who were called for the interview were also advised that in the event of their not fulfilling the qualifications or meeting the physical standards as per the advertisement, they would neither be interviewed nor be paid any travelling allowance. Accordingly, some of the candidates who came for the interview either without proof of having the requisite qualifications or did not meet the requisite physical standards were not interviewed and not paid travelling allowance.

ONGC have decided to accord a fresh chance for interview in July, 1989 to such of those candidates who can produce proof that they have necessary qualifications. Such candidates will be paid travelling allowance for attending the interviews.

Licences for setting up of Industries

1410. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of licences given for setting up industries in Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(b) the progress so far made by these industries State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The table below indicates the number of industrial licences granted during the financial years 1985-86, 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89 (April '88 to Feb. 89) for setting up of industries in the States of Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, West Bengal and Tamil Nadu:—

State	No. of industrial licences granted during			
	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89 (April'88 to Feb.'89)
Maharashtra	135	95	80	78
Karnataka	63	43	37	34
Uttar Pradesh	76	64	32	27
Gujarat	73	77	41	33
West Bengal	43	24	23	18
Tamil Nadu	165	60	27	35